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Clin-Path Diagnostics, LLC of Tempe to Pay \$70,000 Penalty to Resolve Violations of State Hazardous Waste Statutes

PHOENIX (April 14, 2011) – The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Arizona Attorney General's Office announced today that Clin-Path Diagnostics, LLC of Tempe will pay a \$70,000 penalty as part of a consent judgment entered in Maricopa County Superior Court for hazardous waste violations at its Tempe facility.

The company, located at 2109 S. 48th Street, Suite 102, was cited for a total of 18 violations following an ADEQ inspection in August 2009.

The violations against Clin-Path included failure to comply with rules concerning emergency preparedness and prevention, not maintaining a proper contingency plan, failure to properly train employees handling hazardous waste, improper inspections of areas where hazardous waste is stored, and improper management of universal waste fluorescent lamps.

"Their unlawful management of hazardous waste put employees and the community at risk but the company has stepped up and improved the way it does business," ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said.

"We're glad to see that Clin-Path takes seriously its obligation to protect human health and the environment in Arizona by complying with Arizona's hazardous waste management statutes," Attorney General Tom Horne said.

The consent judgment is subject to court approval.